

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 15, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2015 at 8:34 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2015 at 11:46 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 9.

With best wishes, I am
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE RULES

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in 1979, Social Security began to use rules to help decide who should receive disability benefits. A lot has changed since then, and, yet, believe it or not, Social Security continues to use the same rules from 1979.

It is time Social Security caught up. That is why, today, I am introducing the Guiding Responsible and Improved Disability Decisions Act of 2015, which would require Social Security to update its rules. This bill is, simply, common sense.

The American people want, need, and deserve a disability program that works, and they expect Social Security to make consistent and accurate decisions when determining who should receive benefits.

On behalf of America's hard-working taxpayers, I urge my colleagues to join me in bringing Social Security into the 21st century.

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my alma mater, Roosevelt University, on the 70th anniversary of its founding in Chicago, Illinois.

From its founding, the university has stood by its mission: to make higher education available to all students regardless of their socioeconomic status, racial or ethnic origin, age, or gender.

At the 1945 dedication of Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt said:

We can prepare to help the rest of the world and do it without fear, do it with goodwill.

For 70 years, the university has upheld the values of inclusiveness, opportunity, and social justice. In the next 70 years, I know Roosevelt will continue to provide transformational experiences and opportunities for discovery, shaping generations of socially conscious citizens.

I had an extraordinary experience at Roosevelt, learning as much from my fellow students as from my classroom work, and the school was very kind to me.

As my friend, colleague, and fellow alum, BOBBY RUSH, said:

Roosevelt loved me before I loved Roosevelt.

Congratulations to Dr. Chuck Middleton and to the entire Roosevelt community on the university's 70th anniversary.

Go, Lakers.

SOUTH CAROLINA SAYS, "NO MORE"

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, men and women will come together and take a stand against sexual assault at the sixth annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes march in Columbia, South Carolina.

Men from across the State will don high-heeled shoes and join women and other community leaders to raise awareness and funds to support survivors of sexual assault and sexual violence. Just one victim is too many, and we must stand with survivors to prevent sexual assault.

I am grateful for the Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Cumbee Center, and countless other organizations for their advocacy, for their continued efforts to prevent sexual assault, and for their support to survivors.

Chaired by Ginny Walker, I am grateful my oldest son, State Attorney General Alan Wilson, will be one of the

leaders of the Walk a Mile today. They are making a difference with efforts to end sexual assault and sexual violence.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

My sympathy to the family of the late John Duncan of Laurens County, South Carolina, the father of our colleague Congressman JEFF DUNCAN.

PREVENT DANGEROUS GUNS FROM REACHING DANGEROUS PEOPLE

(Mr. GALLEG0 asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, today, in America, 48 children and young people will be shot, and seven will die. Today, in America, 45 people will be injured in gun-related accidents, and 55 will take their own lives with guns. Yet, today, in America, zero new Federal gun laws will be debated here in this body.

This is unacceptable.

Yet we know smart gun laws work. We know background checks keep guns out of the hands of terrorists, criminals, and the mentally ill. We know banning assault rifles and high-capacity magazines protects police officers and the communities they serve.

Mr. Speaker, after the Newtown shootings claimed the lives of 20 innocent children, President Obama asked the Nation whether we were prepared to admit that we are powerless in the face of the carnage caused by guns. That is not an admission I am ready to make. This isn't a problem we can ignore.

Mr. Speaker, instead of politics as usual, let's come together to prevent dangerous guns from reaching dangerous people.

CONGRATULATIONS, KIMBERLY KEENAN

(Mr. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Ms. Kimberly Keenan.

Ms. Keenan has been both the principal and the assistant principal of Tampa Palms Elementary School in the school district of Hillsborough County, Florida, for 18 years. She has recently been appointed to serve as the supervisor of Language Arts and Writing for Hillsborough County. The school district is the eighth largest in the United States, and it is located in Florida's 15th Congressional District.

Under her leadership, Tampa Palms Elementary has been rated as an A-rated school for 16 years in a row and is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

During her time at this school, Ms. Keenan has created a culture that embodies her motto: "Hard work pays off